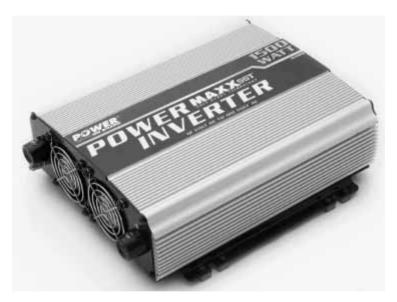


## POWER INVERTER 1500WATTS



# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# OWNER'S MANUAL & WARRANTY INFORMATION

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SAFETY, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF THIS PRODUCT. BEFORE USE, READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL CAUTIONS, WARNINGS, INSTRUCTIONS AND PRODUCT LABELS, PLUS YOUR VEHICLE'S BATTERY MANUFACTURER GUIDELINES. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN POSSIBLE INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure reliable service, your power inverter must be installed and used properly. Please read all instructions thoroughly prior to use. Pay particular attention to the WARNING and CAUTION statements in this manual. The WARNING statements identify conditions or practices that may result in personal injury.

The CAUTION statements advise against certain conditions and practices that may result in damage to your inverter or equipment connected to it. Save, read and understand all instructions before using this power inverter.

WARNINGS - to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, explosion or injury:

- DO NOT locate inverters in an area, room or compartment where explosive or flammable fumes might be present.
- 2. Do not connect to AC distribution wiring for direct plug-in use by AC appliances.
- 3. Remove appliance plug from outlet or turn off inverter before working on the appliance
- 4. Inverter produces 120 volts, 60 Hz AC
- 5. Outlets are live. Risk of electric shock. Disconnect DC power before servicing.
- 6. Not approved for marine applications.

#### CAUTIONS:

- No user-serviceable components inside. opening unit will void warranty.
- Do not use with positive ground electrical systems (the majority of modern automobiles, RVs, and trucks are negative ground)
   Reverse polarity connection will result in a blown fuse may cause permanent damage to the inverter and will void the warranty
- 3. This inverter will not operate high wattage appliances (more than 1500watts) or equipment that produce heat, such as hair dryers, microwave ovens and toasters.
- 4. Do not operate this inverter if it is wet
- 5. Do not place in engine compartment keep well ventilated
- 6. Not approved for use with medical equipment
- Bonding between enclosure connections is not automatic and must be provided as part of the installation.

To avoid possible dangerous conditions, the inverters must be located where:

- 1. The unit is kept dry.
- 2. Air temperature is between 30 degree F (-1 degree C) non-condensing, and 105 degrees F (40 degrees C).
- At least three inches of clearance from other objects is maintained for cooling airflow.
- The unit is not exposed to direct heat or sunlight or to explosive or flammable fumes.

### INTRODUCTION

Power on Board Power Inverters are geared for maintaining today's modern life while traveling in Vans, RVs, automobiles, trucks, or vehicle that has 12 volt battery power supply and a means to recharge those batteries. This Maxx 1500 Inverter is supplied with:

- 1. On/Off switch
- 2. Triple Outlet
- 3. Dual LED indicators that indicate operation (POWER), shutdown (FAULT).
  - 4. Cooling fan
- 5. A grounding terminal for electrical safety.
- 6. DC cable connectors
- 7. Internal protective circuits that include:
  - Automatic overload and over-temperature shutdown (activated if AC output exceeds maximum power)
  - Automatic AC short-circuit shutdówn . RED FAULT LED lit.
  - Automatic low voltage audible alarm.
  - Automatic low-voltage shutdown.
  - Automatic high-input voltage shutdown.

Maxx1500 Series - is a state-of-the art, highly efficient DC to AC power inverter that changes 12 volts DC from a battery to 120 volts AC, 60 Hz. With proper DC power, it can continuously deliver up to 1500 watts AC.

All Power on Board inverters have two methods of preventing batteries from being completely discharged. When your batteries begin to drop in voltage, the inverter will sound an alarm. You can either turn off the inverter or leave it unattended. Further discharge will automatically turn off the inverter. If your battery does go to complete discharge, it's because some other appliances are drawing power from the battery.

This Power Inverter is configured with the latest soft start technology (SST) to improve inverter operation. Before introduction of soft-start, high startup currents from large inductive loads could shut down the inverter. Three major features are incorporated in SST. First, gradual output voltage ramp-up during inverter startup. This eliminates failed cold starts under load.

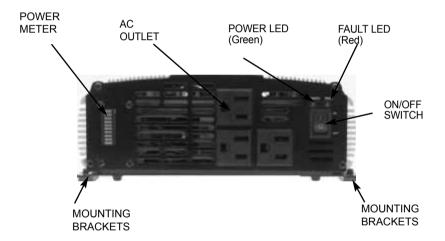
Second, output that momentarily dips in voltage and quickly recovers. This eliminates most shutdowns from momentary overloads.

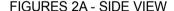
This power inverter also incorporates a new cooling technology that directly benefits our customers. The new design more efficiently cools the power transistors and combined with soft start dramatically increases reliability and the life of the product.

#### TOUR OF MAXX 1500 - SERIES INVERTER

AC power is supplied via three North American, household-type receptacles as shown in FIGURE 1. This allows the connection and operation of most 120 VAC-powered electrical and electronic appliances that use a standard plug. The rest of the front panel items are: One FAULT LED. When this lights, the inverter is shut down. One POWER LED that lights when the inverter is operating. One ON/OFF switch that shuts off all inverter functions. The ON/OFF switch can also be used to reset the inverter after the inverter shutsdown due to a fault condition such as overload, over temperature, short circuit or high voltage.

#### FIGURE 1 - FRONT PANEL

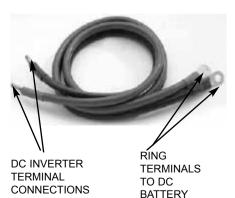




REGATIVE(-) FANS
TERMINAL

GROUNDING POSITIVE
TERMINAL (+) TERMINAL

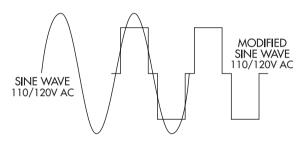
FIGURES 2B - CABLES



#### THEORY OF OPERATION

The inverter changes 12 VDC into 120 VAC (120 VAC RMS), electrical power. This is accomplished in two stages. The first stage raises the 12 VDC input to 145 VDC through modern high-frequency conversion techniques. The output stage changes the 145-VDC to 120 VAC. The inverter's output stage uses multiple banks of metal-oxide semiconductor field-effect transistors (MOSFETs) to alternately apply opposite polarity to the AC outlet's HOT and NEUTRAL terminals. The AC output approximates a sine wave in shape. This is called Modified Sine Wave (MSW) and it has the same energy characteristics as the sine wave of commercial electrical power.

FIGURE 3 - SINE WAVE AND MSW COMPARISON



NOTE: A TRUE RMS voltmeter must be used for measuring MSW. If the output of the inverter is measured using standard digital or analog voltmeters, these instruments may not correctly read the voltage. They typically will read from 10 to 20 volts low.

## AC APPLIANCE CAUTIONS:

DO NOT plug small appliances into the inverter receptacles to directly recharge their nickel-cadmium batteries. Always use the recharger provided with that appliance.

Do NOT plug in battery chargers for cordless power tools if the charger carries a warning that dangerous voltages are present at the battery terminals.

Not all fluorescent lamps operate properly with this type of inverter. If the bulb appears to be too bright, or fails to light, do not use the lamp with this inverter. Fans with synchronous motors may slightly increase in speed (RPM) when powered by the inverter. This is not harmful to the fan or to the inverter.

Certain chargers for small nickel-cadmium batteries can be damaged if plugged into the inverters. In particular, two types of appliances are susceptible to damage:

- Small, battery-operated appliances such as flashlights, cordless razors and tooth brushes that can be plugged directly into an AC receptacle to recharge
- Certain battery chargers for battery packs that are used in some cordless hand-tools. Chargers for these tools have a warning label stating that dangerous voltages are present at the battery terminals

DO Not use inverters with the above types of equipment. The majority of portable appliances do not have this problem. Most portable appliances use separate transformers or chargers that plug into AC receptacles to supply a low-voltage DC or AC output to the appliance. If the appliance label states that the charger or adapter produces a low-voltage DC or AC output (30 volts or less), there should be no problem powering that charger or adapter.

Check operating temperature of small motors. If the motor operates at much higher than normal temperature there may be an incompatibility problem. Discontinue use and compare temperatures while operating the appliance from commercial AC power.

#### INVERTER APPLICATIONS

MAXX 1500 Series Inverters are ideal for powering:

•	3/8" Reversible Drill	20	watts
•	Household Food Processor	30	watts
•	Computer And Monitor	50	watts
•	Electric Garden Tools 4	75	watts
•	Portable Vacuum 5	25	watts
•	Coffee Maker	00	watts
•	1/2" Reversible Drill	20	watts
•	Reciprocating Saw	20	watts
•	1/3" Submersible Pump	20	watts
•	Mini Microwave10	00	watts
•	Chest Freezer	00	watts
•	Full-Sized Microwave Oven	00	watts

NOTE: APPLIANCE SPECIFICATIONS MAY VARY FROM BRAND TO BRAND. THIS TABLE IS OFFERED ONLY AS A GUIDE TO APPROXIMATE POWER RATINGS. CHECK APPLIANCE MANUALS OR PRODUCT LABELING FOR ACTUAL RATINGS. TO ESTIMATE THE POWER CONSUMPTION OF APPLIANCE MULTIPLY CURRENT RATING OF APPLIANCE BY 120VAC. TO USE THE MAXIMUM OUTPUT OF 1500WATTS, MAXX 1500 MODELS MUST BE CONNECTED TO A DC POWER SUPPLY CAPABLE OF CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDING 150 OR MORE AMPS.

## OPERATION WITH AC APPLIANCES

Turn On the inverter using the ON/Off Switch and observe that the indicators are in the following condition:

POWER LED is lit. Plug in the appliance and turn it on, it should operate normally.

NOTES: Ensure that the total continuous power consumption of all tools and/or appliances connected to the inverter (and in use) does not exceed 1500watts.

If a motorized appliance immediately shuts down, and the FAULT LED is lit, try rocking the On/Off switch back and forth a few times while the appliance is plugged in and turned on. See Trouble shooting section if this does not work.

#### DC CONNECTION PRECAUTIONS

#### IMPORTANT CABLE INFORMATION

Use cable information in Appendix A for determining gauge of cable.

Use DC Inverter terminal connections on cable ends

The user must maintain secure, tight, electrical connections.

Use correct gauge DC cabling to supply up to 150 amps, or maximum load.

Keep cabling short to avoid voltage drop and reduced operating time.

Inverters are supplied with a grounding terminal. Connect an insulated AWG 12 wire to this terminal and connect the other end to a solid electrical ground. This is an important safety wire that ensures proper grounding. DO NOT CONNECT THIS WIRE DIRECTLY TO THE NEGATIVE DC INPUT TERMINAL OF THE INVERTER, or Battery.

At full 1500 watt load, the DC input requirements are up to 150 amperes at 12 volts DC. For most continuous-duty applications, multiple battery configuration and the use of deep-cycle batteries is a requirement. With vehicles using multiple batteries, inverters should be operated from one of the vehicles 12 volt batteries, so there's always one battery with adequate charge to start an engine.

#### LOCATION CAUTIONS:

To avoid possible dangerous conditions, the inverters must be located where:

- 1. The unit is kept dry.
- Air temperature is between 30 degree F (-1 degree C) non-condensing, and 105 degrees F (40 degrees C).
- At least three inches of clearance from other objects is maintained for cooling airflow.
- The unit is not exposed to direct heat or sunlight or to explosive or flammable fumes.
- 5. The unit is as close to the DC power source as possible.

### DETERMINING BATTERY CAPACITY FOR EXTENDED RUN TIMES.

Inverters must be supplied with a constant source of high current 12 volt DC from a battery or bank of batteries. To determine the minimum battery size that you will need to operate appliances from the inverter without a generator or alternator charging the battery, follow these steps:

- Determine the wattage of each appliance and/or tool you will need to simultaneously operate from the inverter. Read the labels on the equipment to be operated. Usually, power consumption is shown in watts. If it is shown in amps, multiply by 120VAC to determine wattage.
- 2. Estimate the number of hours the equipment will be in use between battery recharges.
- 3. To determine the total watt-hours of energy use, multiply the total running time, by the average power consumption. To get an estimate of the current (in amps) that the battery must be capable of delivering, divide the watt hours by ten (10). Example: 250 watts for one hour is 250 watt-hours. Then 250 divided by 10 is 25 amp hours. Generally, battery capacity should be rated at least twice the calculated amp hours.

#### MOUNTING THE INVERTER

The inverter should be mounted and close to the battery supply as safe from engine fumes, explosive gas, and high temperatures. The inverter must have nonrestrictive airflow to maintain adequate cooling. Use appropriate screws or other means to fasten the inverter to a shelf, floor, wall, etc. Make sure that no damage results to fuel or electrical lines that may be behind any sheet metal surfaces. After mounting the inverter, carefully follow the cable path to the battery by using the length of string. Using the measurement from the string, add 6" to the end of each cable. Inverters should be mounted horizontly not vertically.

#### CONNECTING TO DC SUPPLY

#### CAUTION:

Ensure that DC connection polarity is correct. Reversed polarity will blow a fuse and may cause permanent damage to the inverter. The manufacturer's warranty does NOT cover damage due to reversed polarity. Review Figure 2, if necessary, to identify the location of the DC terminals and their polarities.

#### WARNINGS:

DIRECT CONNECTION OF THE POS CABLE TO THE POS BATTERY TERMINAL MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST SHORT CIRCUITS. FOR THIS INVERTER USE AN 300 ANL FUSE AND FUSE HOLDER.

#### WARNINGS CONTINUED:

DANGER OF EXPLOSION. BATTERY CHARGING, DISCHARGING AND ENGINE OPERATION PRODUCE EXPLOSIVE GASSES. MAKE SURE THE AREA AROUND THE BATTERY IS WELL VENTILATED AND NO BATTERY CHARGING IS OCCURRING. WEAR PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR WHILE CONNECTING TO NON-SEALED LEAD ACID BATTERY.

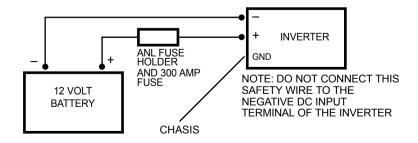
Place the inverter as close to the battery supply a practical making sure the inverter is secure, dry, and cool.

Make sure the length and gauge of cable are correct for the installation. (See Appendix A) Use cables that have 6" of extra length for stripping insulation and fastening (crimping or soldering) ring terminals.

## CONNECTION PROCEDURE:

- Make sure the inverter's On/Off Switch is turned OFF.
- 2. Identify the Positive and negative terminals on the 12 volt DC battery and identify the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals on the inverter.
- 3. Loosen the terminal screws from the terminal connections.
- 4. Attach the red cable terminal connecction to the Positive (POS or "+") terminal and the black cable terminal connection is attached to the Negative (NEG or "-") terminal of battery.
  Secure the cables by tighting the flathead screws on the terminals.
- 5. Remove the retaining nut and washer from the grounding terminal.
- 6. Carefully attach a single stranded insulated AWG 12 ground wire to the grounding stud on the back of the inverter.
- 7. Replace the washer and nut on the grounding stud.
- 8. Connect the other end of the wire to Vehicle Chasis (non-moving engine part) or Earth Ground. See Figure 4 for connection diagram.
- 9. Attach the fuse holder to the red cable end close to the battery.
- 10. Prepare a very short AWG 4 cable with ring terminals to connect the other end of the fuse holder to the battery POS terminal of the battery.

#### FIGURE 4 - THE INVERTER AND FUSE AND SAFETY WIRE CONNECTIONS



- 11. Make the connections to the FUSE HOLDER and battery terminal
- 12. Do not install fuse yet.
- 13. Connect the Negative cable ring terminal to the battery NEG terminal.
- 14. Insert the fuse into the fuse holder. There may be momentary sparking.
- 15. Check all connections and tighten any loose connections.
- 16. Turn ON the inverter and apply a test load to the AC outlets.

Any questions please contact Power on Board Technical Support at: (954) 584-4446 EXT. 119 for professional direction.

## SERVICE AND REPLACEMENT PARTS

#### **FUSES**

It is recommended but not required since there is internal fuse protection that the user use an external inline ANL 300 fuse and fuse holder(not supplied). The fuse holder, and the ANL-300 fuse (not supplied) can be purchased at most electrical supply companies. It is also recommended that an Automotive Electrician be used to install this cable.

Any questions please contact Power on Board Technical Support at: PH: 954-584-4446 • TOLL FREE: 866-584-5504 • FAX: 954-584-5556.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING - COMMON PROBLEMS

#### POWER TOOLS AND MICROWAVE OVENS WON'T START:

Read the information panel on each power tool carefully to accurately determine the tool's input wattage. The wattage output is sufficient to operate most power tools and microwave ovens but remember that the power needed to start the power tool may be as much as 2 to 6 times its continuous wattage requirements.

#### "BUZZING" SOUND IN AUDIO SYSTEMS AND/OR SNOW IN TVS:

Inverters are shielded to minimize interference with TV signals. Ensure that the TV antenna provides an adequate "snow free" signal and that the antenna cable is high quality and shielded without the inverter operating. The problem may not be with the inverter. However, in some cases, some interference may be visible, particularly with weak TV signals. Try the following corrective measures:

- Position the TV and antenna further away from the inverter if it is the cause of interference. Adjust the antenna, or use shielded cable hookup (if possible) to an external antenna.
- Do not operate high-power appliances or tools when you are watching TV.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

#### TROUBLE/ INDICATION POSSIBLE CAUSE SUGGESTED REMEDY

No AC output - Green POWER LED not lit - FAULT LED not lit	DC input below 10 Volts	Recharge or replace battery	
No AC output - Green POWER LED not lit - FAULT LED not lit	DC Input fuse(s) blown	Investigate for short circuit, repair, replace with same type fuse	
Low battery alarm sounds continuously	Bad connection or wiring, DC cable gauge not heavy enough.	Tighten all DC connections, replace DC cable with heavier gauge	
Low battery alarm sounds continuously	Low battery	Recharge battery - remove load	
No AC output - FAULT LED lit	Excessive appliance load- thermal shutdown	Reduce load-wait for inverter to cool, turn Off	
Motorized power tool will not start - inverter shuts down	Excessive start-up load	With the appliance switch on, rock the inverter On/Off switch several times. If Appliance won't start then there is incompatibility	
Motorized power tool operates at wrong speed	Purely inductive load	Simultaneously operate appliance with 60 watt light bulb	
Snow in TV picture, buzz in speaker	• • •		

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Maximum Continuous Power	1500Watts
Surge Capacity (Peak Power)	3000 Watts
No Load Current Draw (switch on)	0.20 amperes
Max. Efficiency	Approximately 90 percent
Nominal DC Voltage	
Input Voltage	10.0-15.0 VDC
Output Voltage	
Low Voltage Alarm	10.6 Volts
Low Voltage Shutdown	10.0 Volts
Over Voltage shutdown	15 VDC
Thermal Shutdown	Protection
Wave Form	
Output Receptacles	Triple North American Standard
Power Transistor Type	MOSFET
Weight	7.3 lbs.
Length	10.825 in.
Width	
Height	

## APPENDIX A - PROPER GAUGE CABLE FOR 2-3 PERCENT DC VOLT LOSS - 2 CONDUCTOR COPPER

2	#8	#8	#6	#3
4	#6	#4	#3	1/0
6 8	#4 #3	#3 #2	#2 1/O	2/O 4/O
10	#2	#2 #1	2/0	250mcm
12 14	#1 #1	1/O 1/O	2/O 3/O	300mcm 350mcm
16	1/0	2/0	4/O	350mcm
18 20	1/O 2/O	2/O 3/O	4/O 250mcm	400mcm 500mcm
22	2/O 2/O	3/O 3/O	250mcm	500mcm
24 26	3/O 3/O	4/O 4/O	300mcm	600mcm
28	3/0	4/0	300mcm 350mcm	600mcm 700mcm
30	4/0	250mcm	350mcm	700mcm
Stocked ANL Fuses	ANL200	ANL200	ANL300	ANL500
ANL fuse Holder	ANLBLK (Fit	s all ANL Fuses)		

#### POWER ON BOARD 2 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY PROGRAM

This limited warranty program is the only one that applies to this product, and it sets forth all the responsibilities of Power on Board Manufacturing, Ltd., regarding this product. There is no other warranty, other than those described herein.

This Power on Board Manufacturing, Ltd. product is warranted, to the original purchaser only, to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for two years from the date of purchase without additional charge. The warranty does not extend to subsequent purchasers or users. Power on Board Manufacturing, Ltd. will not be responsible for any amount of damage in excess of the retail purchase price of the product under any circumstances. Incidental and consequential damages are specifically excluded from coverage under this warranty.

This product is not intended for commercial use. This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage to units from misuse or incorrect installation. Misuse includes wiring or connecting to improper polarity power sources.

RETURN/REPAIR POLICY: Defective products, other than accessories, may be returned postage prepaid to Power on Board Manufacturing. Any defective product, other than accessories, that is returned to Power on Board Manufacturing within 30 days of the date of purchase will be replaced free of charge. If such a product is returned more than 30 days but less than two years from the purchase date, Power on Board Manufacturing will repair the unit or, at its option, replace it free of charge.

If the unit is repaired, new or reconditioned replacement parts may be used, at Power on Board Manufacturing's option. A unit may be replaced with a new or reconditioned unit of the same or comparable design. The repaired or replaced unit will then be warranted under the terms of the remainder of the warranty period. The customer is responsible for the shipping charges on all returned items after 30 days. During the warranty period, Power on Board Manufacturing, Ltd. will be responsible for the return shipping charges.

IMITATIONS: This warranty does not cover accessories, bulbs, fuses and batteries, defects resulting from normal wear and tear (including chips, scratches, abrasions, discoloration or fading due to usage or exposure to sunlight), accidents, damage during shipping to our service facility, alterations, unauthorized use or repair, neglect, misuse, abuse, failure to follow instructions for care and maintenance, fire, flood and Acts of God.

If your problem is not covered by this warranty, call our Technical Support Department at (954) 584-4446 or toll free at (866) 584-5504 for general repair information and charges if applicable.

STATE LAW RIGHTS: This warranty gives you specific legal rights. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the exclusions or limitations stated herein may not apply. This warranty gives the purchaser specific legal rights; other rights, which vary from state to state, may apply.

TO REQUEST WARRANTY SERVICE FOR THIS PRODUCT: Contact Power on Board Manufacturing Technical Support by telephone, fax or mail. We suggest that you keep the original packaging in case you need to ship the unit. When returning a product, include your name, address, phone number, dated sales receipt (or copy) and a description of the reason for return and product serial number. After repairing or replacing the unit, we will make every effort to return it to you within four weeks.

WARRANTY ACTIVATION: Please complete Warranty Activation Card and mail to Power on Board Manufacturing. Enter "VEC550POB" as "Model and 1500watts Power Inverter" as Product Type. All Power on Board Manufacturing, Ltd. products must be registered within 10 days of purchase to activate this warranty. Mail the completed registration form, along with a copy of the original sales receipt to:

ATTN.: CUSTOMER SERVICE 4140 SW 28TH WAY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33312 PH: 954-584-4446 • TOLL FREE: 866-584-5504 • FAX: 954-584-5556.

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